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The following Valuable Landed Properties

Situate and being Nos. 41, 43 & 47, 49,

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EMBRY
At the Mount Austin Hotel, on 18th March, the wife of F. A. WATSON, of a son.

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HONGKONG, MARCH 21ST, 1893.

The resolution of the Shan-hi raters to establish a crematorium in the Model Settlement may excite some little interest in the subject here. Forty-seven voted for the resolution and thirty-two against, which may probably be taken as indicative of the relative strength of the cremation and anti-cremation parties not only in Shanghai but in other similarly constituted communities in which ignorant prejudice and foolish sentiment are subordinated to sound common sense. Not that we wish to stigmatise all the opponents of cremation as ignorant, prejudiced, or foolishly sentimental, but theirs is by the nature of the case the side which ignorance, prejudice, and sentiment founded on custom support. Burial has always been the mode of disposing of the dead amongst Christian nations and the mass of the people believe it to be the correct way, although not one in a thousand would be able to formulate any grounds for their belief; and few will undertake an independent inquiry as to why an old custom should be altered. In communities such as those of the Far East, however, consulting for the most part specially selected men of intelligence and education, public opinion is more advanced, and whereas in England the number of raters who would actively favour cremation would be small, at Shanghai we find there is a substantial majority in favour of it. Public opinion in Hongkong would probably be divided about the same proportion as regards the relative merits of the two systems, but on the practical question as to whether in the particular circumstances of the colony it was desirable to incur the expense of establishing a crematorium the result might be somewhat different. In this colony the European cemeteries do not constitute a nuisance or a danger to health, their location being at a safe distance from any residences and the soil is well adapted for the reception of the dead as could be found anywhere. And it is only with reference to the Europeans that the question has been raised at Shanghai, it not being a contemplation that the Chinese would use the crematorium, at all events for a long time to come, and of the Europeans a considerable proportion will probably continue to favour the old form of burial. Mr. J. L. Scott, speaking on behalf of the Municipal Council, said he thought the Council should consider only the practical side of the question, that so far no proof had been given that the present cemetery was prejudicial to the health of the community, that the financial result of the establishment of a crematorium was uncertain, and that the Council saw no reason to make any change in the present mode of burial. That would perhaps be the view taken by the Hongkong Government, but Shanghai is more fortunate than this colony inasmuch as the raters in the Settlement are able to dictate how their money shall be spent; they rule themselves instead of being ruled by

officials, and if they choose to have a crematorium, or anything else, and are prepared to vote the money for it, no one can say them nay.

The general arguments used at the Shanghai meeting in favour of cremation were of the ordinary description, with which our readers are all doubtless familiar, and we do not propose to refer to them in detail except in so far as they specially touch local conditions. Mr. J. Buchanan, who moved that the Municipal Council be authorised to erect a crematorium and that a sum sufficient for that purpose be added to the budget, said that in a few years the cemetery would be the centre of a large village, and that in a place like Shanghai, where the tide fills the soil with water twice in every twenty-four hours, and the earth is riddled by land crabs and earthworms, it did not seem to him that he had overstated the case in what he had said to the dangers of the present system. As to the danger arising from Chinese coffin scattering over the fields, he said there was usually a quantity of quicklime and charcoal placed in Chinese coffins, which were hermetically sealed by a double lid, the seams were covered with glue, and, according to Sir Henry Thompson, placing the body in the quicklime nearly approached in value to the perfection of cremation. At the same time, he regretted that the Chinese had given up, except in the case of Buddhist priests, the practice of burning the dead. As to the cost of a crematorium, the speaker said he was not in a position to give any estimate; a Siemens' furnace cost £200, but whatever the cost they should have the best furnace that could be procured and "the expenses would be saved to the community, if not directly to the Council, by a diminished cost of funerals." At present we pay some £10. 50. I shall be disappointed if the cost of burning a body exceeds £40 or £50. Here we should think Mr. Buchanan was unduly sanguine, for it is the pomp and display of funerals that makes them expensive, rather than the mere cost of the coffin, and the adoption of burning instead of burial would not necessarily make any alteration in that respect. Mr. G. W. Noble, who seconded the resolution, said—

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

"SUPPLIED TO THE DAILY PRESS."

Londo N. 20th March.

SLATIN BOY BEY.

Slatin Boy has arrived at Cairo. He is of opinion that the dervishes will not attack the Kossai, but will endeavor to prevent the Italian advance to the North-west.

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

Mr. Foster and Lt. Hung-chang have arrived at Siamonoski and have been received with all due honour.

THE LOSS OF THE "REINA REGENTE."

The loss of the Spanish or sister "Reina Regente" at Trafalgar Bay is confirmed. Her vessel has been found submerged.

INFLUENZA IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Right Hon. H. H. Fowler, Secretary of State for India, is still confined to his bed.

A NEW SPEAKER FOR THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Lord Rosebery presided at a Cabinet Council to settle the question of the election of a speaker for the House of Commons: and it was decided that Mr. Campbell-Bannerman should stand as a candidate for the post.

FOOCHOW RACES.

SECOND DAY. Wednesday, 20th March. The FOOCHEE \$20; third pony \$10; for all China ponies; weight 10 lbs. extra; winners of race one, 10 lbs. extra; pony first raced in Foochow as griffins allowed 7 lbs; entrants 35. One mile and a half.

Ratels 1
Boldheart 2
Autocrat 3
Time, 3 min. 35 sec.

10 per cent to first, second, and third pony; 10 per cent to first, second, and third pony for all China ponies; weight 10 lbs. extra; winners of race one, 10 lbs. extra; pony first raced in Foochow as griffins allowed 7 lbs; entrants 35. One mile and a half.

Butterfly 1
Glossy 2
Drapandy 3
Time, 3 min. 45 sec.

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Wanderer 2
Kingster 3
Time, 3 min. 1 sec.

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out of this." He replied, "I will get out of the way without being punished." Before he could do anything else he was arrested by a native constable. Taylor also complained that his prisoners were torn in the station. Moore's excuse was that he saw the sergeant with the blacked eye, and that he had been compelled to do what he did when arrested. At the station he was searched and hustled about by several policemen, who tore a button off his left shoulder strap.

P.C. McNab was then called in respect to these allegations. He took the charge, and said that the prisoners were searched by Police Constables Snell and Finch. "He accused were very noisy, caught hold of the iron bars and the door, and I told them to be quiet. We did not see any injury done to the prisoners' clothing, and no complaint was made to me." Each prisoner was sent to jail for 14 days with hard labour.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold correspondence liable for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.

REGISTRATION OF DOMESTIC SERVANTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."—The recent report of the Captain Superintendent of Police regarding domestic servants touches a chord which most householders surely feel. That there has been a great deal of spotty shown in the past by employers is doubtless correct, but that is no reason why no further effort should be made to mitigate the evil which all admit is fast increasing.

To return to one's house and find a trusted "boy" absent, and with him valuable many may be cherished heirlooms, is too frequent in this colony; and as the thieves are regarded as little heroes in their native villages on the mainland, it behoves us to use every endeavour to mitigate the loss of such losses, as there is no certainty whatever that the thief will be punished, since his heroic characterless and do not believe in our ideas of right and wrong.

There is one point also in this question which is often overlooked. Many a mistress, timid and greatly perturbed is absolutely afraid of her servants. A case occurred in my experience recently where a cook, having received notice to leave, deliberately removed his mistress' pet dog. One can hardly conceive that the mistress may receive some justice if she gives offence to their servants, and reads about incidents from them before they will complain.

But as the necessity of altering the present state of affairs is apparent, I will not multiply instances of these "ways that are dark," &c., but beg our ruling power to organise a system of regulation of domestic servants without delay, and I for one will be among the first to patronise it, I am, &c.

HOUISCHOLDER,

Hongkong, 20th March, 1894.

THE CASE OF BILL V. GOMES:

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."—I am sorry to inform you in your report of the case of Bill v. Gomes, that in view of this morning's His Honour the Acting Prima Judge did not, as reported by you, make use of the word "ridiculous" in reference to the argument of Mr. Wilkinson. What Mr. Justice Wiss did say in his judgment was as follows:—

"I may say, Mr. Wilkinson, with all due deference to you, that I have not been impressed with the force of your argument; I mean, of course, from a legal point of view." Yours faithfully,

JOHN H. TATTERS.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1894.

CANTON NOTES.

FROM THE "CHUNG NGU SAN PO."

The new Hopo, Man Pin, who arrived at Canton recently, performed the usual ceremony on receiving the seals of office on the 17th inst. All the officials in the city were to congratulate him.

In the early hours of the 17th inst. a fire broke out in Po-wa Street. It originated in a family house in which upwards of one thousand canaries were kept and all the poor birds were roasted. The fire was not put under until the whole building, which had two compounds, had been reduced to ashes.

On the 17th inst. the Provincial Judge embarked on the steamer Fushan and, by the order of the Emperor, left for Peking. A number of officials accompanied him to the Tin—a wharf, to bid him bon voyage.

Telegraphic intelligence has been received here from Mu-lak district, in Kow-chow, to the effect that there is an insurrection there and that the rebels are in control of the town, and intend to go to pei. The Viceroy has sanctioned the request and a large number of soldiers are to leave here in a day or two.

The sum contributed to the war fund, now being raised by the Government between the 11th and 16th inst. was Tls. 69,750. The total now aggregates Tls. 2,389,000 and the registered number of the last scrip is 9,557.

HOW THE "ESMERALDA" WAS PURCHASED.

NEW YORK, 4th February.—Mails from Ecuador state that Flint & Co. early in last December learned the Chilian Government wished to sell its crack warship Esmeralda. The price asked was \$220,000. Flint & Co. secured a refusal of the vessel and then applied to Japan to see what sort of a deal could be made.

The Japanese Government agreed to pay \$100,000 for the warship but when Flint learned that Flint & Co. proposed to send the Esmeralda to Japan they refused to sell her on the ground that it would be a violation of the neutrality laws.

The agent of Flint & Co. did not give up, however. He went to Ecuador and made a secret deal with President Cordero, and the political ring of which he is an ex-President and leader of the ring. Flint's agent arranged that Ecuador should buy the Esmeralda from Chile and turn her over to him to be sent to Japan.

Ex-President Cordero was to receive half of the \$20,000 profit. The deal was arranged early in December and Cordero telegraphed to the Consul from Ecuador in Manila in Valencia to make the arrangements. The vessel turned over to the representatives of Ecuador.

The Chilean flag was hauled down and the flag of Ecuador raised in its stead. The vessel was taken to Galapagos Islands off the coast of Ecuador, and there the flag of Ecuador was hoisted in place of the colours of Ecuador and the vessel started for the seat of war.

It was two weeks before the deal became generally known, but the news caused a great uprising of the people. There was a great outcry against the Camacho brothers and they fled. China is quite likely to make Ecuador pay handsomely for her intrusion after the war is over.

At the office of the Ecuadorian Consul today it was stated the Consul was sick abed. His secretary declined to discuss the Esmeralda affair. Flint & Co. however refused to talk about the matter.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

WAGHAN, 20th March. CLOSING QUOTATIONS. EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Telegraphic transfer 2/04. Bank Bills, on demand 2/04.

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 2/04. Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/04.

Ordinary Bills, at 6 months' sight 2/04.

On Paris.—Bank Bills, on demand 2/04.

Telegraphic transfer 1/84.

Bank, on demand 1/84.

On Calcutta.—Telegraphic transfer 1/84.

Bank, on demand 1/84.

On New York.—Bank Bills, on demand 1/84.

Credit, 60 days' sight 51.

On Hongkong.—Bank Bills, on demand 1/84.

Telegraphic transfer 1/84.

Bank, on demand 1/84.

On London.—Bank Bills, on demand 1/84.

13% per cent.

On Shanghai.—Bank Bills, on demand 1/84.

Bank, on demand 1/84.

On Manila.—Bank Bills, on demand 1/84.

On Hongkong.—Bank Bills, on demand 1/84.

13% per cent.

On Singapore.—Bank Bills, on demand 1/84.

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On Tientsin.—Bank Bills, on demand 1/84.

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On Foochow.—Bank Bills, on demand 1/84.

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Hongkong, 6th March, 1895.

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